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#### **Florence Man Sentenced for Income Tax Evasion**

**Columbia, South Carolina----** United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated today that Jerry W. Huene, age 65, of Little River, South Carolina, was sentenced today in federal court in Florence, South Carolina, for income tax evasion, a violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7201.

United States District Judge Terry L. Wooten of Florence sentenced HUENE to 13 months, 2 years supervised release, and \$100.00 special assessment.

Evidence presented at the change of plea hearing established that Huene owned and operated three video gambling establishments in Wilmington, North Carolina, in violation of North Carolina state law. Huene filed tax returns for 2004 and 2005 under the business name "Jerry's Furniture Refinishing," claiming no income for both years when he actually made approximately \$470,000.00 through operating the gambling businesses. This resulted in tax losses of \$146,000.00. The IRS has seized four vehicles, cash and currency valued at \$505,168.23, and in addition, the IRS seized Huene's residence located in Little

River, South Carolina, because these assets were obtained through the operation of the gambling businesses.

The case was investigated by the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office and agents of the Internal Revenue Service. Assistant United States Attorney William E. Day, II of the Florence office handled the case.

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